ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 1, 2026 | The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Artist: Jan Brueghel the Elder

FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Blessed Sunday to you all! The common theme of all the readings today is quite clearly humility and that will be the focus of my reflections today. First, I want to begin with a definition from St. Thomas so that we have the same understanding of this important virtue. St. Thomas Aquinas says, “The virtue of humility consists in keeping oneself within one's own bounds, not reaching out to things above one, but submitting to one's superior" (from SCG, IV, lv).

I particularly like this definition of humility because it not only covers the knowledge and acceptance of our own strengths and weaknesses, but specifically speaks about submission to higher authority. This is why today we have Psalm 146 which calls upon God as the maker of the world, the source of justice, protector, healer and king. It is Jesus who wants to provide those things for us, they do not come from our own strength or power.

But it is also incredibly important that we do not simply become passive because of this truth. When people think of humility and submission, they often think of inaction and letting somebody else actually do the work. For Zephaniah humility, justice, and the observance of the law all go together. Also, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus is painting a picture of blessings and reward for the humble, which are those who are meek/poor in spirit and those who are merciful/peacemakers. Humility should not lead us away from action, but rather should lead us to root our action in Christ.

This is the point that Paul is making to the Corinthians when he invites them to consider their own calling. The term calling should immediately make us think of vocation and mission, directing our mindset towards the work of the Kingdom of God. Going about this work with humility is of the utmost importance, that it is not about my own power or wisdom or reputation, but only that which has its source in Jesus Christ. God gave each of us gifts and talents when he created us, which we should use to build up the kingdom, but also there are many supernatural graces and charisms which go beyond our natural talents and abilities. It is not my natural abilities that limit my ability to act, nor even what I am able to set my mind to, but rather by the bounds set by God’s grace. In humility we can submit ourselves to the bounds and plan of God and we will accomplish more in building up the kingdom of God than we often expect or hope for based upon our power alone.

God Bless You, *Fr. Jack*

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

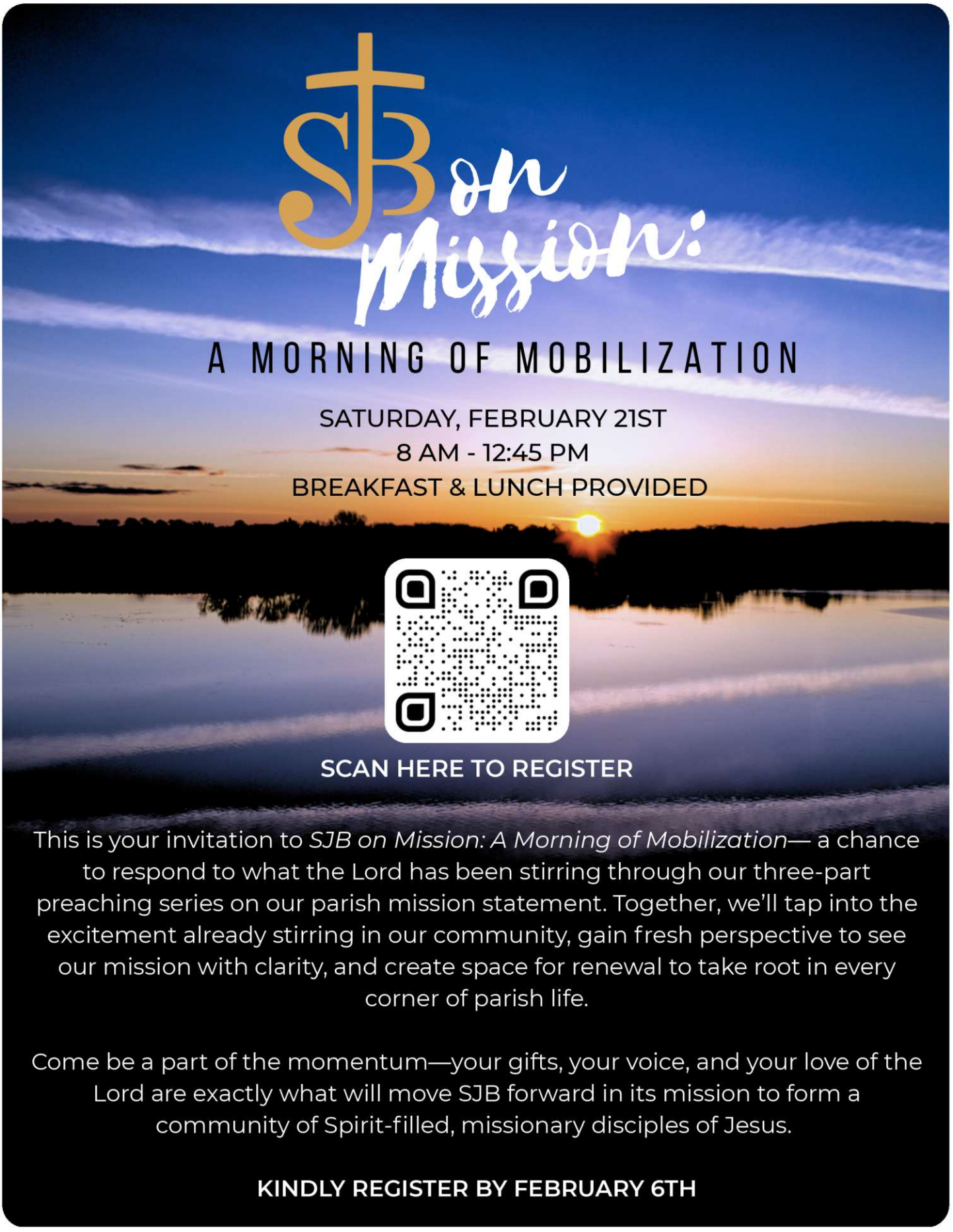
Monday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM



This is your invitation to *SJB on Mission: A Morning of Mobilization*— a chance to respond to what the Lord has been stirring through our three-part preaching series on our parish mission statement. Together, we'll tap into the excitement already stirring in our community, gain fresh perspective to see our mission with clarity, and create space for renewal to take root in every corner of parish life.

Come be a part of the momentum—your gifts, your voice, and your love of the Lord are exactly what will move SJB forward in its mission to form a community of Spirit-filled, missionary disciples of Jesus.

KINDLY REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 6TH

SJBeat

THIS WEEK

HOLY BREWS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
7:00 PM
Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100

Join us for a talk by Billy Kangas: A Field Guide to Prayer

FEBRUARY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 5PM TO
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 7:45AM
in the Adoration Chapel

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP FOR ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING COMMUNITY LIFE AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

WORSHIP NIGHT
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH
6:30 PM
in the sanctuary

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH
after the 8am Mass
downstairs in the PLC

EXODUS 90 - FRATERNITY MORNINGS
EVERY SATURDAY
JANUARY 17TH - MARCH 28TH
6:30am
downstairs in the Parish Life Center

It's not too late to join Exodus 90!

Lent 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

8:00 AM 12:15 PM 6:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT AT 7:00 PM

SJB LENTEN FASTING AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

All parishioners are invited to sign up for one day of fasting and prayer during Lent for our Diocese and our parish.

Our Lenten intentions are: the needs of Bishop Earl Boyea, vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese, and deeper conversion for all at St. John the Baptist.

Please sign up via the QR Code.
We ask that each day be covered once before adding multiple sign-ups for a single date.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

DISCIPLES NIGHT ON EASTERN'S CAMPUS

A few weeks ago, we were blessed to have Fr. Dan speak at our Disciples Night on EMU's campus. He shared about putting Jesus at the center of our lives—and how the only way to truly do that is through prayer. As you might expect, the talk was both entertaining and impactful, filled with classic Fr. Dan stories and two memorable graphs: *the more you mess around, the more you find out—much like the more you pray, the more you discover.*

We were also grateful for a powerful time of worship and prayer ministry. The evening concluded with small group discussions and casual fellowship.

Thank you for your continued prayer and support of our campus outreach. Please pray for us as we spend time on campus throughout the week. May students encounter the Lord in a powerful and life-changing way!

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

All parishioners are invited to celebrate the gift of marriage during National Marriage Week by honoring couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (10, 15, 25, 30, 35 years and beyond). The celebration begins with the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, February 15, including a renewal of vows, followed by a cake reception in the Parish Life Center. Couples are encouraged to bring a framed wedding photo to display.

Milestone couples are asked to RSVP by Monday, February 2.

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO RSVP.

SJB WARMING SHELTER - COORDINATED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Men of the parish are invited to help care for the homeless from February 9 – 16, as SJB hosts a traveling warming shelter with the *Shelter Association of Washtenaw County*. Join the Knights of Columbus each night to serve those most in need.

CONTACT SHAWN LENHARDT AT 734-260-2732 TO LEARN MORE OR SIGN UP VIA THE QR CODE.

FEBRUARY 9 - 16, 2026
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC AND TRINTIY HALL

CRUX: A LENTEN DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

This Lent, join Fr. Columba Jordan, CFR, for Crux—a daily journey of surrender and discipleship. This all-in-one Lenten experience offers daily meditations, weekly video reflections, and family-friendly content rooted in Scripture, prayer, fasting, and discipline. Crux invites you to follow Christ more intentionally and discover God's strength at work within you.

SJB will have a limited number of books available for a suggested donation of $10.

RESERVE YOUR COPY VIA THE QR CODE.

SUPPORT OUR WORSHIP AT MASS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of additional support for our liturgies. Please prayerfully consider serving in one of the following ministries:

- **Sacristans** – Prepare the church for Mass and assist with lights, sound, and setup.
- **Altar Care Team** – Care for sacred linens, altar cloths, candle holders, and vessels.
- **Ushers & Greeters** – Welcome parishioners, assist with the collection, and support practical needs.

PLEASE CONTACT SR. MARY IN THE PARSH OFFICE AT SRMARY@YPSICATHOLIC.ORG OR SCAN THE QR CODE.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST. JOSEPH CLASSICAL (SJC) HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE

All interested parents and families are invited to attend an Open House during our Wednesday SJC sessions. Come experience the classrooms, ask questions, and learn more about our program. Children are welcome at parents' discretion. For questions, contact Director Anna Nowaczewski at annan@sjypsi.com.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER.

JANUARY 28TH, FEBRUARY 4TH, 11TH, 18TH & 25TH

"WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES" SERIES

February 2nd.....The Four Last Things (Spiritual Combat, Church Militant, Church Suffering, Church Triumphant)

February 9th.....Catholic Morality Q&A / Ministry Panel

February 16th.....Lent - Liturgical Prayer - Lazarus

MONDAYS AT 6:30
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE FULL SCHEDULE.

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

OFFICE PHONE
734-483-3360

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR…

Katie (O'Toole) Davis
Kailyn Fitzgerald
Kris Kapcia
Ann Marie Rusiniak
Dorothy Chan
Philip Philipose
Shibu Philipose
Gemma Almendras
Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
David Sell
Rebecca McKenzie
Fred Hall

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the intercessions for healing or for those serving in the armed forces. Names remain on the list for four weeks unless you request an extension.

Our Book of Petitions is also available in the Gathering Space, and these intentions are prayed for at every Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND
12:15 PM: † Howard P. Lenhardt Jr.
Requested by K of C 3230

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD
6:00 PM: *To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
8:00 AM: *To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH
8:00 AM: *To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH
12:15 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
8:00 AM: *To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.*

5 PM: Intentions of the Patti Godchildren
Requested by Helen & Anthony Patti

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
9:00 AM: *To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.*

11 AM: People of the Parish

THERE ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE DATES FOR MASS INTENTIONS. PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO REQUEST AN INTENTION BY CALLING THE PARISH OFFICE AT (734)483-3360. SUGGESTED DONATION OF $10.00

Saint Blaise

FEBRUARY 3RD, 2026

St. Blaise was a bishop and martyr from 4th-century Armenia. He is best known for his work as a medical doctor, and his gift of healing. Many legends surround his life, but perhaps the most popular is when he healed a desperate mother's son from choking on a fishbone. This is why he is recognized as the patron saint of throat illnesses.

Blaise was also known to provide spiritual aid, in addition to physical help, during his time as a Bishop. He was strong in his faith and helped many souls grow closer to God, eventually being referred to as a "physician of souls". Later, he retired andbecame a hermit, living in a cave in the wilderness. In around the year 316, during Christian persecution, he was found, arrested, and imprisoned. He refused to renounce his faith and was eventually beheaded, becoming a martyr.

There are many other legends about St. Blaise's life, which was recorded nearly 400 years after his death in the *Acts of St. Blaise*. He became one of the most popular saints during the Middle Ages, and today he is still widely venerated in both the Eastern and Western churches.

In many cases throughout the world, on his feast day, February 3rd, the traditional throat blessing occurs. Two candles get blessed by a priest, and then the priest will touch the candles in a crossed position over the head or throat of the faithful while praying: *"Per intercessionem S. Blasii liberet te Deus a malo gutteris et a quovis alio malo"* ("May God at the intercession of St. Blaise, preserve you from throat troubles and every other evil").

Join us for Daily Mass this Tuesday at 6:00 PM. Fr. Dan will offer the Blessing of Throats to all in attendance.

St. Blaise, pray for us!

Article Written by Anna Nojoku

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
FEBRUARY 7TH & FEBRUARY 8TH

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
5:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
USHERS		
Jeff Decker	Marie Lenhardt	Alex Uram
Lee Michna	Jude Lussier	Steve Uram
Roger Michna	Angela Parrinello	Aimee Uram-Taylor
Josh Reszke	Christine Sullivan	Need Volunteer
GREETERS		
Rebecca Thomason	Need Volunteer	Sharon Zielinski
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
LECTORS		
Tom Moffit	Kathy Badgerow	Larry Donatelli
Mike Weathers	Sarah Scholl	David Stolarski
SACRISTAN		
Natalie Klackle	Lucy Shaw	Judy Ramirez
ALTAR SERVERS		
Gabriel Netsch	Adrian Anderson	Lawrence Okpala
Jordan Wells	Henry Meyer	Scott Wells
Need Volunteer	Matthew Yurko	Need Volunteer

ADDITIONAL LAY MINISTERS ARE NEEDED TO SERVE AT OUR MASSES. IF YOU'D LIKE TO SERVE AND RECEIVE TRAINING, CONTACT SR. MARY AT SRMARY@YPSICATHOLIC.ORG.

OFFICE HOURS AND INFO

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Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
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